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# Sensor Exploitation Challenges

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## Goals

- **Accurate surveillance, identification, and targeting**

- Complete
- Correct
- Timely
- Precise

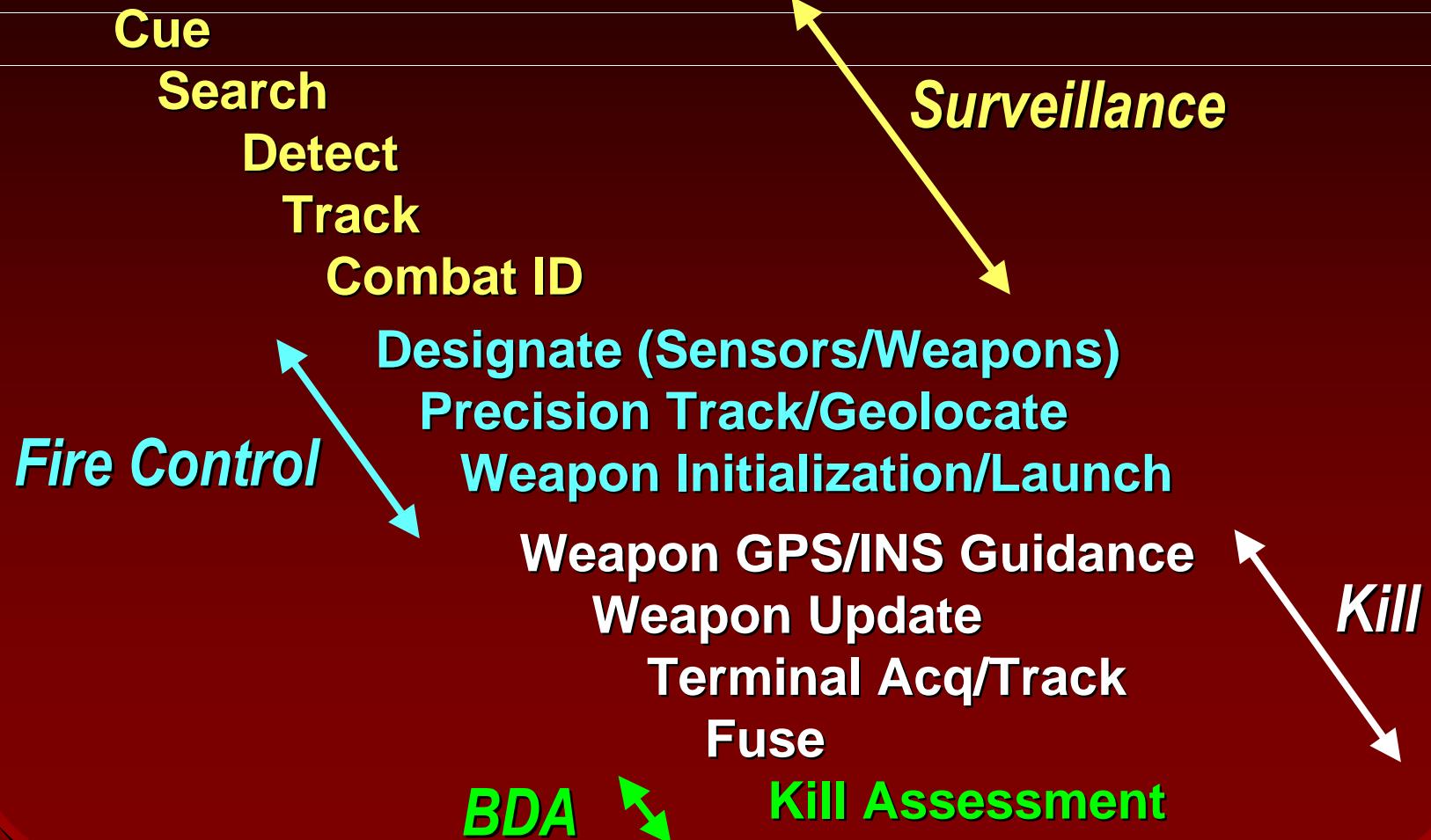
All target types  
All situations

Better Sensors  $\longleftrightarrow$  Better Algorithms



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# Kill Chain





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# Surveillance

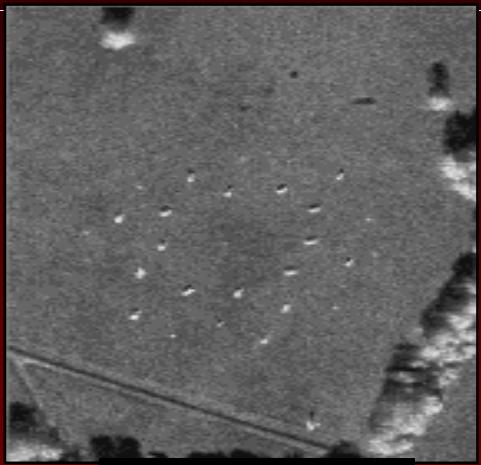
- **Semi-Automated IMINT Processing (SAIP)**
  - Wide area target detection from SAR
- **Multi-Sensor Exploitation Testbed (MSET)**
  - Defeat camouflage and concealment using FOPEN and hyperspectral

Continuous surveillance of mobile targets,  
despite countermeasures

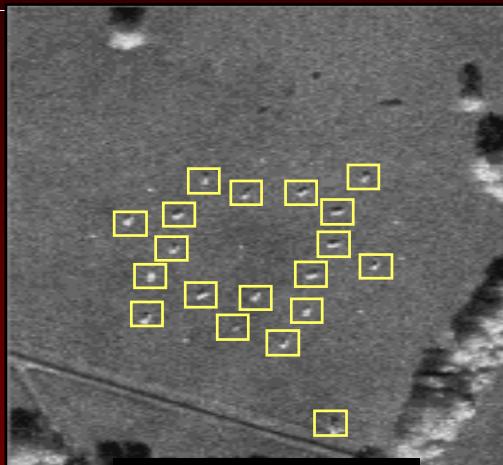


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# Target Identification



SAR Image



Detections



ATR Output

## MSTAR model-based approach:

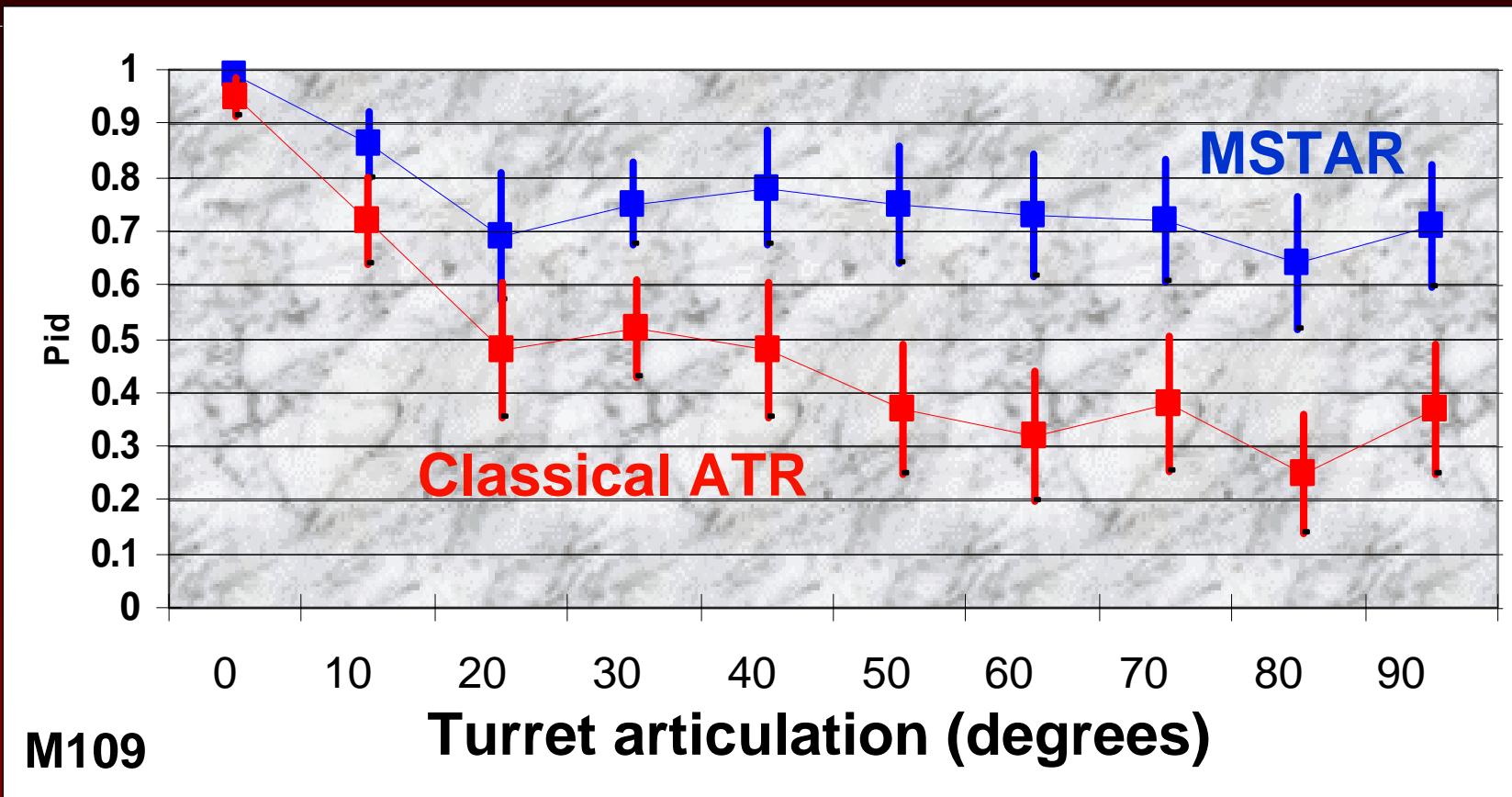
Use 3D model to predict appearance  
under varied conditions



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# ATR Comparison



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# Non-Cooperative Ground Target Identification

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- Multiple phenomenologies
- Consider all observables
  - Spatial
  - Spectral
  - Temporal
  - Polarity
  - Context
- Model-based approach

Realistic  
operating  
conditions



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# Precision Targeting

- **Affordable Mobile Surface Target Engagement (AMSTE)**
  - Precision tracking of mobile targets using GMTI
- **Airborne Video Surveillance (AVS)**
  - Precision geolocation of multiple targets from EO/IR video

All targets    All situations



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- **Wide Area Surveillance**
  - Mobile targets, countermeasures, continuously
- **Non-Cooperative Target Identification**
  - Model-based approach
  - Take a systems view
- **Precision Targeting**
  - All targets, all situations